

California Department of Education

Certificate of Recognition

is presented to

CALIFORNIA'S CHARTER SCHOOLS

in celebration of ***National Charter Schools Week***,
May 3 – 7, 2004. For more than 11 years, charter
schools have provided options to students
throughout California. In carrying out the intent of the
Legislature in the Charter Schools Act of 1992,
California's Charter Schools have:

- Improved pupil learning
- Increased learning opportunities for all pupils
- Encouraged the use of different and innovative teaching methods
- Created new professional opportunities for teachers
- Provided parents and pupils with expanded choices in the types of educational opportunities that are available within the public school system
- Shown accountability in meeting measurable pupil outcomes
- Provided vigorous competition within the public school system to stimulate continual improvements in all public schools

I am pleased to commend our 471 remarkable charter
schools in California for the dedicated service to our
youth and our public school system.



Jack O'Connell
State Superintendent of Public Instruction

May 3, 2004

Date